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SUBJECT:BRIEFING EGYPTIANS ON ME TALKS IN MOSCOW

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1. YOU MAY INFORM EGYPTIANS THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST WITH FONMIN GROMYKO INCLUDED FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE STALEMATED SITUATION AND RUNDOWN OF US DIFFERENCES WITH ISRAELIS OVER 242, THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND SETTLEMENTS. GROMYKO QUESTIONED VANCE ABOUT CONTENT OF THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, HOW WE SEE THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, AND WHAT FORUM WE HAVE IN MIND FOR AN EVENTUAL MEETING OF ALL PARTIES. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO LET THE FERMENT IN ISRAEL CONTINUE FOR A FEW WEEKS, AND THAT GENEVA, VIA THE DBCLARATION OF

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PRINCIPLES, IS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM. THE SECRETARY INFORMED GROMYKO OF DAYAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEK.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST, GROMYKO COMPLAINED THAT THE U.S. HAD VIOLATED THE OCTOBER JOINT STATEMENT. HE STATED THAT FOLLOWING OUR JOINT STATEMENT THINGS HAD BEEN MOVING FORWARD, BUT THAT THE U.S. HAD FAILED TO PUT SUFFI-

CIENT PRESSURE ON THE ISRAELIS, AND EGYPT HAD MEANWHILE

SABOTAGED EFFORT TO FORM A PAN-ARAB DELEGATION. THE
SECRETARY OF COURSE CONTESTED HIS MISREPRE-
SENTATIONS. GROMYKO DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON THE
PALESTINIAN SITUATION WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING NEW. VANCE

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